

THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Mayor sees Prosperity and Growth in 2024 Cites Teamwork, Partnerships for successful 2023

Looking ahead to the coming year, I am filled with hope for continued prosperity and growth that will further enhance Troutdale's standing as a community that values progress without compromising its distinctive character.

Mayor Randy Lauer

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I find myself filled with gratitude and pride for the incredible community we are so very fortunate to call home. I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated city staff, whose hard work and diligent efforts have been the backbone of Troutdale's success.

Our city thrives not just because of its infrastructure but because of the unwavering commitment of our staff who work tirelessly day in and day out, driven by a deep dedication to the well-being of Troutdale. Their collective passion is evident in every project completed, every service rendered, and every challenge that is overcome.

The continued success of city events like First Friday Art Walk and Windy Wonderland, only speaks to the hard work our staff has put into enhancing the livability of Troutdale. These gatherings bring us together, fostering a sense of unity and experiences that define Troutdale.

I also wanted to give an acknowledgment to our dedicated volunteers who generously contribute their time and energy solely because they care deeply about the betterment of Troutdale. Your selflessness and commitment to community service are the cornerstones of our shared success.

We wouldn't be where we are without the work of our elected regional leaders whose continued support is vital in the growth and prosperity of Troutdale and East Multnomah County. Together, we form a collaborative force, working towards a future that is sustainable, vibrant, and supportive of our unique way of life.

Looking ahead to the coming year, I am filled with hope for continued prosperity and growth that will further enhance Troutdale's standing as a community that values progress without compromising its distinctive character. Our urban renewal area, which includes our coming Sandy River Park and Trail, and future development initiatives, over two decades in the making, represent our

collective vision for a flourishing and sustainable future that I am truly excited for.

Our downtown, with its thriving small businesses economy, is a testament to the vibrancy of our community. The heart and soul of Troutdale are found in these local establishments, and I enjoy celebrating their resiliency and contributions to our small town. The very same can be said for all the businesses who have decided to invest their time and efforts all over our town. We are so fortunate for these partnerships and find ourselves giving thanks regularly for the economic force that is the Troutdale business sector.

As we reflect on the past and embrace the promise of the future, I extend to you all my warmest wishes for the next 12 months. May Troutdale continue to prosper, and may each of you find fulfillment and joy in the coming year.

Here's to 2024 and the boundless potential that lies ahead for us all.



Community Enhancement Grants are back!

*See Page 3 for full details
Deadline to apply is January 25*

Deputy Nick Bohrer: Building Community Connections



Deputy Nick Bohrer has been serving as the Troutdale Community Resource Deputy since 2020. In this role, he works exclusively within the City of Troutdale, connecting with neighborhoods, local businesses and community groups to encourage stronger participation in crime reduction efforts and greater coordination to address crime-related issues.

One of Deputy Bohrer's greatest successes in crime reduction has been the partnership created with management at the Motel 6 on Frontage Road. When Deputy Bohrer took on this role, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) would receive more than 60 calls for service to the motel each month.

Through collaborative work with motel staff and proactive patrols during his shift, calls for service have decreased by 90 percent in the last three years. To show their appreciation to MCSO and Deputy Bohrer, the staff at Motel 6 presented him with a thank you card in November (pictured).

Deputy Bohrer's outreach with other local businesses in Troutdale is evident, as several people around town know him by name. At Mount Hood Chiropractic, the business owner remarked on the great working relationship they have established with MCSO and the attention being shown to local businesses.

Keep up the good work, Deputy Bohrer!

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Improvements added to Street Sweeping Process

Includes expansion of Fall, Winter schedules

The City's streets department has been working on improvements and updates to the street sweeping schedule. Troutdale residents may not know this, but for the past several years, the city has contracted with Multnomah County to increase our street sweeping efforts. As the new dedicated streets maintenance division within Public Works is up and rolling, it is time to bring this task back in house. In April, the City of Troutdale resumed full in-house responsibility for all street sweeping on city-owned and maintained streets. This transition went smoothly through the spring and summer, however the fall season certainly identified areas for improvement and adjustments to our sweeper route schedules. Our biggest

challenge has been the time needed in each zone during months with heavy leaf activity. Sweeping simply takes more time in the fall, so for the coming year each of our zones will have more days on the schedule during the fall and winter months. In addition, our city's commercial area north of the Historic Columbia River Highway has also been separated into its own zone. This new zone will only be scheduled on Thursdays which, in October, became the new residential garbage day for all Troutdale residents. Sweeping while dodging garbage and recycling cans is inefficient and ineffective so we avoid that. Sweeper operation in our residential areas on Thursdays

will only occur as a special response situation.

The new zones have been updated on the City's website along with the street sweeping schedule for 2024. While our goal is to stay on schedule, please understand that weather challenges and equipment failures do happen and can result in delays or needed adjustments throughout the year.

Troutdale residents can help street sweeping efforts by avoiding street parking on days our sweeper will be in your zone, trimming your trees to have an 11' clearance above the curb, and finally, please refrain from blowing fallen leaves into the street.



That's Streets Operator Cole Mankey in the driver's seat.

The interactive map and sweeper schedule can be found at troutdaleoregon.gov/streetsweeping or search 'Street Sweeping' at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

Don't forget to winterize

Winter is here and it's out to freeze your pipes!

Luckily there are things that everyone can do to thwart this winter hazard. Cover foundation vents and ensure that pipes are adequately insulated. If temperature is extremely low, you may want to open cupboard doors under sinks and let faucets drip.

In the event of a pipe burst it's critical to know where your home's main water supply valve is and be prepared to act fast to minimize water damage. Now is the perfect time to find it, tag it, and inform family members of its location. The most likely locations are where the supply pipe enters your home next to the foundation, near the hot water heater, or in the crawl space.



If a pipe does burst, shut off the water supply immediately and call a plumber. **Don't call 911.** If you are unable to reach a plumber and need help shutting off water to your home, you can contact Public Works during regular business hours at 503-674-3300, or our after-hours emergency number at 503-251-4163.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM'S ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE PLAN REVIEW

In accordance with the provisions of Federal code 40 CFR 403.8(f)(5), the City of Troutdale gives public notice that a draft Enforcement Response Plan is available for review and comments. The purpose of the Enforcement Response Plan is to implement the enforcement provisions of the Troutdale Municipal Code Chapter 12.07 as required by Federal and State pretreatment regulations.

To review the draft Enforcement Response Plan and submit written comments, please contact the Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311, 342 SW 4th Street, Troutdale, OR 97060, or electronically at ryan.largura@troutdaleoregon.gov. **Written comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on January 31, 2024, to be deemed timely.**

Reoriented ADA curb ramp, bike parking pad, van accessible parking, and ADA compliant walk path



Reoriented ADA curb ramp and ADA compliant walk path



Improved ADA curb ramp and van accessible parking



Columbia Park Walkway Improvements Phase 1 Completed

The first phase of the Columbia Park Walkway Improvements project is complete. All existing sidewalk ramps have been upgraded to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and an additional sidewalk ramp has been installed at the northern end of the parking lot. A significant portion of the existing pedestrian walkways has also been improved, meeting the slope and dimensions required by the ADA for full accessibility. All existing accessible parking was restriped to meet current standards, and two additional accessible parking stalls were added to fulfill the requirement for the number of accessible parking stalls, providing a more accessible route at

the north end of the parking lot, near the newly installed sidewalk ramp. All accessible parking stalls have been upgraded to Van Accessible as well, as indicated by the newly installed Van Accessible Parking signs mounted at each accessible parking stall.

One of the existing sidewalk ramps at the southern end of the parking lot required reconfiguring to meet ADA standards. This actually provided a great opportunity, as it allowed the City to install a new concrete pad for the planned installation of bike parking racks within the empty space resulting from the ramp reconfiguration.

Due to budgetary constraints, the section of the walkway around the

concession stand, as well as the accessible spectator platform, had to be excluded from the contract this year. However, rest assured that these elements will be included in future phases of the Columbia Park walkway improvements.

We at the City are very pleased with the accessibility improvements made to Columbia Park and hope the public, especially those with accessibility challenges, find a chance to explore and experience them for yourselves. The City is proud to provide a popular amenity that is inclusive of all its beloved citizens and neighbors.

Look for updates on the future phases of Columbia Park Walkway Improvements in upcoming Champion articles and on the City's social media.

For questions about this project, please contact Project Manager Nick Massey at Nick.Massey@troutdaleoregon.gov

Winter news for when it's Cold!

FlashAlert – Breaking news, closure information, news releases. Sign up at <https://www.flashalert.net>

PublicAlerts – Get alerts by email, text, and phone: <https://www.publicalerts.org/>

Power outages/downed lines - www.portlandgeneral.com/outage, or call 503-464-7777

Troutdale's Facebook page – Stay up-to-date on the latest in our community. Go to: www.facebook.com/cityoftroutdale

SeeClickFix – Report non-emergency maintenance issues on roads and bridges maintained by Mult. Co. Report online or by phone app. Go to: <https://seeclickfix.com/>

Broken water pipes? Call Public Works during regular hours at 503-674-3300. After 5 p.m. or weekends, call 503-251-4163

Weather conditions: National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/>

Transportation: ODOT TripCheck - For information, go to: <https://tripcheck.com/>

Tri-Met Alerts: Taking the bus or MAX? Go to www.trimet.org

Don't see what you're looking for? Call us at 503-665-5175!

TROUTDALE RECREATION

Try something new this winter!

For many, recreation at this time of year often means cold-weather outdoor activities like skiing, snowboarding, and sledding, Troutdale Recreation has a variety of other great options for those of you who don't want to make the short trek to the mountain or get cold. Among the programs we're offering this season:

Bouldering for Kids, Teens & Adults (Ages 7-13 and 14+) – This four-week program through Rock Haven Climbing Gym in Gresham will teach basic climbing skills and safety as you build endurance and develop your bouldering skills.

Building your Family Story – Have you've done some research on your ancestry, but aren't sure what to do next? This class can help you take those facts and weave them together to tell a rich story about your own family history.

Chemical Creations (Ages 6-10) – Kids can experience a hands-on world of fun as you conduct a variety of scientific experiments and witness some amazing demonstrations in this six-week after school program.

Master Gardener Series - Get amazing gardening advice from the experts! The first class will teach the secrets to planting and growing the perfect berry patch. The second will focus on how to harvest, process, and successfully store seeds.

We also have some fantastic on-going programs including **Little Trout Play Park** on the second Tuesday of every month through March, a variety of great offerings for all ages through the **Troutdale Library**, and a **Fire-arm Safety/Concealed Carry Permit Class**.

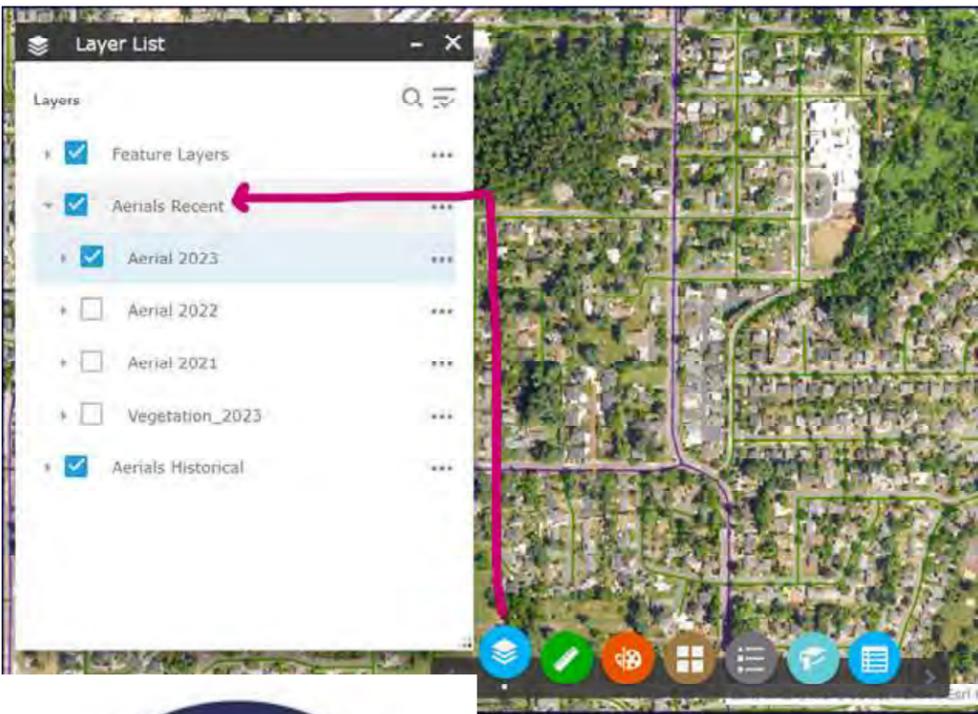


Bouldering photos courtesy Rock Haven Climbing Gym



Do you have a special skill or interest you would like to share with your community? We know there is a wealth of talent and diverse interests within our community, and this one-hour class, **Learn to Lead a Program**, can provide you with tips on how you can turn that expertise into a full-fledged recreation program!

Registration began at noon on Wednesday, December 20. Head to troutdaleoregon.gov/rec to learn more.



Take a look at Troutdale from above

If you are interested in aerial photography, then you may enjoy the City's new 2023 aerial. Go to the city's GIS webpage at troutdaleoregon.gov/gis and click on 'Interactive Web Maps'.

Once there, you will see seven round icons at the bottom of your screen. Click on the blue and white paper stack icon on the left. On the pop-up, click on the text 'Aerials Recent'. Finally, check the Aerial 2023 and begin exploring. Note: It may take a minute for the aerial to fully load depending on your connection speed.



On the First Friday of each month (except January), **Troutdale's galleries open their doors for special evening shows from 5 - 8 pm**. Come inside and experience a vibrant and unpretentious art scene in the Columbia River Gorge. Shop local fine art, meet the artists, enjoy live music with friends and family, dine at our restaurants - and visit other participating businesses.

Participating galleries are: Also Arts Gallery & Studio, Columbia River Gallery, Red Trillium Gallery, Troutdale Art Center, and Artistree NW.



Does Your Organization Have A Community Enhancement Project? *Funding assistance may be available!*

Metro is partnering with East County Rising Community Projects to launch Community Enhancement grants once again. **The grant**

program has approximately \$150,000 in grant funding available for projects serving the communities of Troutdale, Fairview, and Wood Village. The grants are funded by a \$1 surcharge on each ton of waste collected at the Troutdale Transfer Station. These grants are intended for projects that support underserved populations, improve neighborhood livability and safety, improve nonprofit facilities, and improve natural areas and the environment.

Who may apply:

Community organizations, schools or other tax-exempt status organizations may apply. Local governments may apply; total funds awarded to local governments must not exceed \$22,500. Applicants are not required to be physically located in the three-city boundary area but programs must benefit the people and communities within it. Grant funds will be available from July 2024 through June 2025.

Applications are due at 5 p.m. on January 25, 2024

For more information and to access the Enhancement Grant Application, visit bit.ly/cegrants

Successful proposals will enhance the area within the grant program boundary and strongly meet one or more of the following program goals:

- Provide programs, training or services that benefit youth, seniors, low income people, people of color, veterans or other underserved populations (e.g., meals for home bound seniors)
- Increase reuse, recycling and waste prevention opportunities (e.g., Residential Food-Scraps Recycling Compost Bucket Distribution Project)
- Improve the environmental quality of the area (e.g., Sandy River Cleanup)
- Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste (e.g., alternative pesticides project)
- Preserve or enhance wildlife and natural areas within the target area (e.g., tree planting project)
- Improve or increase recreation opportunities for residents in the target area (e.g., Sunrise Park trail paving)
- Rehabilitate and upgrade property owned or operated by non-profits (e.g., Harlow House sign update)
- Improve the safety, appearance or cleanliness of neighborhoods (e.g., River Beach Concrete and Rubble Removal)
- Foster community enrichment through educational programming and arts and cultural projects. (e.g., The Mural at Mayors Square)

“Safe Routes to School” Matters!



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national program that promotes health, safety, and active transportation to and from school. The East Multnomah County SRTS program is grant funded and has been working in Troutdale schools since 2018. **Last fall, SRTS program coordinators provided pedestrian safety lessons for all students during PE classes at Sweetbriar Elementary.** We are looking forward to winter walk and roll events and more pedestrian safety lessons. For more information about Safe Routes to School, go to <https://www.multco.us/saferoutes>

Never throw your old or no-longer-needed medications in the trash. Or worse, down the toilet. Both these approaches present potential safety and health hazards. Through a partnership with MED-Project (Medication Education & Disposal Project), the City of Troutdale offers a safe and FREE way to dispose of expired and unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Give us a call at City Hall or drop by and we'll provide you with 1-2 postage paid 'Mail Back' envelopes.

MED-Project[®]
Medication Education & Disposal



There are a few rules to follow, however – and not all medications are accepted, so call us at 503-665-5175, or email Kelley.Graham@troutdaleoregon.gov, and we'll provide you with an outline of everything you'll need to know. **Our program does not include “Drop-Off” services**, but if you prefer that, we'll give you a list of convenient drop-off sites in our area.

find us on ...



City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
January 9, January 23
February 13, February 27

Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room
January 10, February 14

Town Center Advisory Board

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
January 11, February 8

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
January 17, February 21

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
January 3, February 7

Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.

NOTE: Email comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov for details

Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 6:30 p.m.
January 5

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 p.m.
January 16 at 7 p.m. / February 20, (if needed)

Departments

City Hall Main Number	503-665-5175
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Compliance	503-491-4009
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7258
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press '0' for Police Records)	
Municipal Court	503-674-7236
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-7271
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7247
Public Works (Wastewater)	503-666-8377
Public Works (Water & Streets)	503-674-3300
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer - Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer - Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225
Visitor Center	503-491-4000

City Buildings

City Hall / 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Municipal Court Chambers / 234 SW Kendall Court
Council Chambers / 234 SW Kendall Court
Mult. Co. Sheriff's Office / 234 SW Kendall Court
Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center / 475 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Public Works / 342 SW 4th Street
Building / Planning / 2200 SW 18th Way
Parks / Facilities / 2200 SW 18th Way
Water Pollution Control Facility / 1820 NW Graham Road
City Conference Building (CCB) / 223 South Buxton Road
Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway

Troutdale Historical Society

presents

Destination - Troutdale!

Come see our Harlow House exhibit, **Destination - Troutdale, Oregon!** Families have been traveling to Troutdale for decades to see the sights, coming by horse, train, trolley, airplane, car and even ferry to reach our area. We've pulled together historical artifacts from the collection to help tell their story, including photographs, train tickets, souvenirs, maps, a Brownie camera, and more.

When: Now through March 2024, Thursdays through Sundays, from Noon to 3 p.m..

Where: Troutdale's Harlow House, 726 East Historic Columbia River Highway

Cost: FREE! *Donations gratefully accepted*



Restoration of the Historic Columbia River Highway

Janette Kloos (pictured at right), retired **Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area Coordinator** for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), will present some of her vast knowledge about the Historic Columbia River Highway (HCRH), and its restoration. Kloos, in charge of the HCRH restoration efforts for 18 years at ODOT, has since found and been president of the **Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway**. That is over 35 years of her life, dedicated to the historic highway! Come join us for an inside look at what it takes to restore an artifact as large as a highway.

When: 2 p.m., Sunday, February 18

Where: Sam Cox Building at Glen Otto Community Park, 1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway.

Cost: FREE! *Donations gratefully accepted*



JANUARY EVENTS

1

New Years' Day, All City Hall Offices Closed

Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

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No First Friday “Inside Edition” in January (starts in February), 503-491-8407

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Little Trout Play Park, 10-11:30 a.m. Second Tuesday of every month, October through March. See information on Page 3..

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Free Food Market, 1:30-4:30 p.m., West side of Reynolds High School between the school and Imagination Station. Food is free, everyone is welcome. No ID, name or address required. Bring bags or boxes.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Hall Offices Closed

Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

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East County Rising Enhancement Grant Applications due, see Page 3 for more information

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Second Free Food Market in January, 1:30-4:30 p.m.,

West side of Reynolds High School between the school and Imagination Station. Food is free, everyone is welcome. No ID, name or address required. Bring bags or boxes.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

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First Friday ‘Inside Edition’, Downtown Troutdale, 5-8 p.m., (no outside vendors) see Page 3 for details

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Little Trout Play Park, 10-11:30 a.m. Second Tuesday of every month, October through March. See information on Page 3.

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Troutdale Historical Society ‘Restoration of the Historic Columbia River Highway’, see article this page

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Presidents Day, All City Hall Offices Closed

Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

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Free Food Market, 1:30-4:30 p.m., details on this calendar (see January 9)